GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT WITH BELGIUM FOR LNG TRANSPORTATION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of LNG demand shared by GAIL (India) Ltd. as on date;

(b) whether recently GAIL (India) Ltd. has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with a Belgium firm for LNG import;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which its share will increase thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Out of the 5 MMTPA LNG being sourced and processed at Dahej terminal of PLL, GAIL have at present a share of 60%.

(b) & (c): GAIL (India) Limited have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with M/s EXMAR MARINE NV, a Belgian shipping firm, for utilization of the on-board regasification technology being provided by EXMAR and its LNG/CNG Logistical Services. The MoA was signed on 9th November, 2005 for a duration of 5 years.

(d): This would depend upon the extent to which GAIL is able to put to use this technology.